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SUBJ: KHMER AT 29TH UNGA: ASIAN WORKING GROUP STAFF MEETING

SEPT 12

SUMMARY: ASIAN WORKING GROUP STAFFS DECIDED EVENING SEPT 12 TO RECOMMEND THAT THEIR AMBASSADORS SEPT 13 CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FACT-FINDING MISSION. TEXT BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE MINISTER OHTAKA EVENING SEPT 12 INFORMED US OF DECISION BY ASIA WORKING GROUP STAFF LEVEL MEETING CHAIRED BY THAI. PARTICIPANTS WERE SAME AS SEPT 11 MEETING MINUS FIJI. OHTAKA SAID THAT AT OPENING OF THREE-HOUR MEETING THAI CHAIRMAN (KASEMSRI) TABLED TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS: FIRST FOCUSED ON FACT-FINDING MISSION; SECOND CALLED FOR TALKS BETWEEN TWO CAMBODIAN ANTAGONISTS. SECOND DRAFT, WHICH DREW SOMEWHAT ON PREVIOUSLY REPORTED JAPANESE IDEAS, WAS NOT DISCUSSED CONFIDENTIAL

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IN DETAIL, AND MEETING DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO FACT-FINDING

PROPOSAL.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT INCORPORATING MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED BY AWG MEMBERS:

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF KHMER REPRESENTATION,

BELIEVING THAT THE COMPLEXITIES OF THIS QUESTION REQUIRE THE MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE EXISTING REALITIES OF THE SITUATION IN THE AREA,

- 1. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A FACT-FINDING MISSION WITH MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY (BEGIN BRACKET) THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (END BRACKET) (BEGIN BRACKET) THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (END BRACKET), AFTER DUE CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES, WITH A MANDATE OF EXPLORING AND STUDYING THE SITUATION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS AND PREPARING A REPORT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION;
- 2. APPEALS TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO FACILITATE ACCESS BY THE MISSION TO THE AREA;
- 3. FURTHER APPEALS TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AS WELL AS INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO RENDER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE MISSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

 (ADDITIONAL PARA TO BE USED IF GA PRES IS NAMED IN OP PARA 1.)
- 4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE MISSION. UNQUOTE
- 3. SECOND DRAFT, FOR WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE FULL TEXT, CONTAINS TWO OP PARAS WHICH WOULD HAVE GA (A) RECOMMEND THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND (B) DECIDE NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM AT 29TH GA (I.E. DEFERRAL).

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4. OHTAKA TOLD US THAT AWG DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY RELATIVE MERITS OF PROPOSING FACT-FINDING RESOLUTION IN WRITING AND ALTERNATIVE OF ORAL PROPOSAL, HAVING IN MIND IN PARTICULAR NEED TO OBTAIN PRIORITY IN PLENARY OVER PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION. AWG STAFFS ALSO AGREED, IF WRITTEN DRAFT RESOLUTION CIRCULATED, THERE WERE THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR SPONSORSHIP: (A) ASIAN WORKING GROUP MEMBERS; (B) ONE OR MORE THIRD COUNTRY "NEUTRAL" DELEGATIONS; (C) AWG PLUS "NEUTRAL"

DELEGATIONS.

- 5. OHTAKA SAID SEPT 12 MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING DEFERRAL IN GENERAL COMMITTEE, ESTIMATING 10-10-4 SPLIT, INCLUDING NEGATIVE VOTE BY ALGERIAN CHAIRMAN BUT EXCLUDING (AS YET UNSELECTED) FIFTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. JAPANESE, AS OTHERS, HAD HEARD OF POSSIBILITY THAT THAILAND MIGHT OFFER ITSELF AS CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEE FIVE CHAIRMAN AND PRESSED THAIS BOTH BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MEETING TO TO DO SO. KASEMSRI FIRMLY DECLINED ON BEHALF OF DEL, HOWEVER, ON GROUNDS THAT DEL TOO SMALL TO SERVE EVEN AS GA VICE PRES. (ON WHICH THAIS WERE NEGATIVE LAST YEAR) LET ALONE AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. OHTAKA SAID THAT OTHER ASEAN DELEGATES RESISTED SIMILAR PRESSURE AT MEETING. WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT JAPAN, OHTAKA COMMENTED SIMPLY THAT JAPAN WAS NOT A POSSIBILITY, HAVING SERVED AS COMMITTEE FIVE CHAIRMAN AT 27TH GA.
- 6. GKR AMB CHHUT AT SEPT 12 MEETING AGREED TO MAKE VOTE COUNT ON FACT-FINDING DRAFT RESOLUTION.
- 7. OHTAKA TOLD US THAT ASEAN DELS HERE, HAVING SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER FLEXIBILITY THAN JAPANESE, MIGHT INDEED ATTEMPT TO DECIDE SEPT 13 THAT FACT-FINDING DRAFT SHOULD BE VEHICLE FOR ASEAN DEFENSE OF GKR. WE ASKED OHTAKA, PARTICULARLY HAVING IN MIND EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT JAPANESE WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT SOMEWHAT SHORT SHRIFT GIVEN TO JAPANESE IDEAS, WHAT JAPANESE POSTURE LIKELY TO BE AT SEPT 13 MEETING. OHTAKA EMPHASIZED FORCEFULLY IMPORTANCE THAT JAPAN ATTACHES TO ASEAN WILLINGNESS TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND TO REMAIN CONSTANT IN SUPPORT OF GKR AT 29TH GA. FOR THIS REASON, HE THOUGHT JAPANESE MIGHT WELL AGREE TO GO ALONG WITH FACT-FINDING PROPOSAL. AS OF LATE EVENING SEPT 12, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE HAD NOT OBTAINED CHHUT CHHOEUR'S REACTION TO SEPT 12 DEVELOPMENTS IN AWG. SCALI

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